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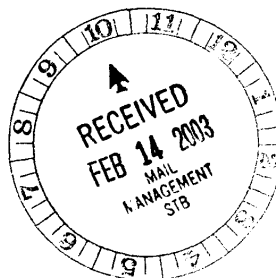
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Village of Skokie

February 13, 2003



Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW, Room 711
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Union Pacific Railroad Company Abandonment in Cook County,
Illinois, STB Docket Number AB-33 (Sub-No. 167X)

Dear Mr. Williams:

On August 21, 2002, the Surface Transportation Board (the "Board") granted a Decision and Notice of Interim Trail Use or Abandonment (NITU) for a portion of a line of railroad owned by the Union Pacific Railroad Company, known as the Skokie Industrial Lead, extending from milepost 12.81 to milepost 13.64 in Skokie, Illinois.

The Village of Skokie has been negotiating with the Union Pacific Railroad Company for an interim trail use/rail banking agreement for this portion of the Skokie Industrial Lead for development as a multi-use path. Although significant progress has been made toward an agreement, additional time is needed to complete negotiations. Therefore, the Village of Skokie requests that the Board grant an extension of the NITU negotiating period for an additional 180 days. Mr. Jim Harrel, Senior Real Estate Manager for Union Pacific stated that Union Pacific has no objection to the extension.

Respectfully,

James Cox
Planner

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On behalf of The Village of Skokie

Cc: Mack H. Shumate, Jr., Sr. General Atty., Union Pacific Railroad Co.
Jim Harrel, Sr. Real Estate Mgr., Union Pacific Railroad Co.